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SUBJ: USSR GA RESOLUTION ON MOON TREATY

1. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT ON WHICH MOSCOW HAS INSTRUCTED USSR MISSION HERE TO SOLICIT US VIEWS. RYBAKOV (SOV MISSION) SAID THEY PREFER TO LEARN OUR VIEWS BEFORE CIRCULATING TEXT MORE WIDELY; HOWEVER, CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY FIRST COMMITTEE MAY TAKE-UP SPACE ITEM AROUND MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK, USSR MISSION MAY IN MEANTIME CONSULT OTHER MEMBERS OF OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE.

2. BEGIN QUOTE

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 2222 (XXI) OF 19 DECEMBER 1966 STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ACTIVITIES IN THE PEACEFUL EXPLORATION AND USE OF OUTER SPACE, INCLUDING THE MOON AND OTHER CELESTIAL BODIES, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPING THE RULE OF LAW IN THIS NEW AREA OF HUMAN ENDEAVOR,

REAFFIRMING THE COMMON INTEREST OF ALL MANKIND IN THE PROGRESS OF THE USE OF OUTER SPACE FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL STATES AND IN THE INTERESTS OF

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DEVELOPING FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND MUTUAL UNDER-
STANDING AMONG THEM,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE ADVANCES MADE IN RECENT YEARS
IN THE CONQUEST OF OUTER SPACE, INCLUDING EXTENSIVE
RESEARCH PROGRAMMES OF THE MOON ON THE BASIS OF MODERN
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY,

BEARING IN MIND THE INTEREST OF ALL MANKIND IN THE
UTILIZATION OF THE MOON EXCLUSIVELY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES
AND IN THE PREVENTION OF THE MOON FROM BEING A
SCENE OF INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT,

PROCEEDING FROM THE FACT THAT THE MOON AS THE ONLY
NATURAL SATELLITE OF THE EARTH HAS AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO
PLAY IN THE CONQUEST OF OUTER SPACE AND THAT IT SHOULD
BE USED WITH DUE REGARD TO THE INTERESTS OF THE PRESENT
AND FUTURE GENERATIONS,

SEEKING TO ELABORATE AND SPECIFY FURTHER RULES OF
INTERNATIONAL LAW TO GOVERN THE ACTIVITIES OF STATES
ON THE MOON ON THE BASIS OF THE U.N. CHARTER AND THE
TREATY ON PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE ACITIVITES OF STATES
IN THE EXPLORATION AND USE OF OUTER SPACE, INCLUDING
THE MOON AND OUTER CELESTIAL BODIES, IN ORDER
TO ESTABLISH A FIRM LEGAL BASIS FOR SUCH ACITIVITIES,

1. APPROVES THE INITIATIVE OF THE SOVIET UNION WHICH
HAS PROPOSED THE ELABORATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL TREATY
CONCERNING THE MOON;

2. TAKES NOTE OF THE DRAFT TREATY CONCERNING THE MOON
SUBMITTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY THE DELEGATION
OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS;

3. REQUESTS THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER
SPACE AND ITS LEGAL SUB-COMMITTEE TO GIVE TOP PRIORITY
TO THE CONSIDERATION OF THE QUESTION OF THE
ELABORATION OF A DRAFT INTERNATIONAL TREATY CONCERNING
THE MOON FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING SUCH A DRAFT TO
THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
END QUOTE.

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5. FIRST COMMITTEE MAY TAKE UP THE OUTER SPACE ITEM AS EARLY AS 3 NOVEMBER. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS. GP-3.
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